

AN EARTHQUAKE

In Prices of Dry Goods at Andrew Lynch's is Reported!

PARTICULARS NOT STATED.

But from the assurance of hundreds of reliable persons who have visited the scene of the disaster, it is evident those Blankets, Flannels, Bed Comforts, Ladies' Gents', Misses' and Children's Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, and Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks, Wraps and Jackets, are the greatest sufferers. Evidence, however, of the great violence of the shock is noticeable through his entire stock of Dry Goods. The quake also extended to the Philadelphia Boot and Shoe House, where it caused serious disaster in prices.

The Fall Stock

NOW OPEN

AT

H. J. GILLEN'S.

THE FALL SEASON

Has begun in earnest at this old, Reliable House, with a stock in proportion truly enormous. The

DRESS GOODS STOCK

Is a Marvel of Excellence,

And is particularly interesting just now with its great assortment of

Silks, Velvets,

And all the New and Fashionable Fabrics and Colorings

For Fall Wear.

This stock must be seen to be appreciated; and in spite of the recent advances in the wholesale market, there will be

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.

H. J. GILLEN.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE AND HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONE. 150.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stocks in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies,

To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with Good Hires on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day. Remember the place—On Madison street, east of sidewalk, one block west of new court house. PETER EGAN. Ottawa, Feb. 9, 1884.

Public Auction.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7th, Mr. Clark B. Moss will have a public sale at his residence 2 1/2 miles northwest of Grand Ridge, when he will offer six head of horses, 40 head of cattle, four young brood sows, 2,000 bushels of corn, 30 tons of timothy hay, straw, seed corn, farming implements, &c., on the usual terms.

An important stock sale will take place Dec. 7th, at the residence of Abner Strawn a few miles west of Ottawa city, detailed mention of which will be found in advertisement on the 5th page. The stock is of very high grade, and breeders especially should give the sale their attention.

OH, THE HOLIDAYS.

The Charm of Christmas is in its Gifts—What to Buy and Where.

A trip around through the city shows the usual preparations for Christmas and the holidays. The town is full of goods, but it must be admitted that nowhere does the eye linger longer, or the visitor stay longer, or derive more solid enjoyment from the "nice things" for Christmas than at Hapeman & Graham's. Hapeman & Graham's is, par excellence, the Fancy Goods Store of Ottawa—not a fancy goods stock for the holidays only, but for all the year around. There, above all other places in the city one goes for fancy goods, and there all expect to find the finest display of goods for the holidays; and none are disappointed. None, surely, can be this year, for the most casual glance shows an array of fine goods that it is certain has never been equaled in Ottawa, even by this house.

In the line of bric-a-brac, say—the lines of fancy pottery and glassware, they have a truly beautiful assortment of entirely new wares; the new satin, velvet, coral and ivory wares, as delicate in colorings as the rain bow, and in a great variety of graceful and artistic forms. These are all new wares, inventions of the season, and never before shown here. There is also a fine line of artistic shapes in the famous Leeds faience, which will be enjoyed by buyers of good taste and artistic inclinations. In this department is also an immense assortment of miscellaneous art productions in pottery, as well as those lines of fancy goods including opera glasses, toilet sets, smoking sets, innumerable nic-nacs for the toilet table, the bric-a-brac shelf, the writing desk, the parlor table, &c., which it would be endless to catalogue. Then, too, there are features in the way of engravings, etchings, charming bits of water color work, pastels, &c., with frames; also, artistic bronze statues and ornamental pieces, &c., &c. So that the art department of the house is simply unapproachable in extent, variety and completeness.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

The pretty conceits in gitt books invented from year to year is a constant marvel, but this year seems to eclipse them all. For instance, ask to see those souvenirs made by Hard & Parsons. Of all exquisite things these take the palm, whether in the Romanesque, Ivorian, or antique bindings or covers. Truly this is the perfection of printing, binding and illustration, and how such real gems of art can be sold at the prices marked is what we cannot understand. If you want to enjoy a genuine treat, be sure to ask for those goods.

In fine illustrated books they have further all the new editions of those magnificent art productions which include such treasures as "Nature's Hallelujah," "One Year's Sketch Book," "The Fullness of Joy," "Christmas in the Olden Time," "Shakespearean Scenes and Characters," "The Closing Scene," all of the line in superb binding, and with text illustrated by the foremost artists on wood of the day. Other novelties are the "Bamboo" poets, and new editions of the standard poets and prose-writers, the Bible in superb editions, &c., &c., ad lib. The buyer of fine books will find this stock more than commonly fine, and very reasonable in price. In

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS

Their stock is very large, containing all the standard works for old and young, in new bindings, from new plates—books of the very best character in our literature, at less than half publishers' advertised prices. Books that were cheap last year are cheaper than ever this year, and it seems now that they are better made than ever. This stock seems so at any rate, for it is new—just from the publishers, and not the gatherings in of bankrupt and book auction sales of old editions.

It is asking too much space to go on now and catalogue this splendid layout of holiday goods, though we confess it has attractions both to us and to the public that would furnish an excellent excuse for so doing. No doubt we shall mention it again. But we can insist on this, that it is superb, that no buyer of fancy goods will do himself justice who neglects to accept the invitation they extend to all to call on them and make a personal inspection. It will be a treat that each owes to himself or herself to enjoy to the full.

Don't fail to get prices and see Holiday Goods at City Drug Store.

Scott Bros. & Co.

Have just received another large shipment of blankets from a western manufacturer, it being the balance of their stock. The blankets will be sold at the same prices as those that were sold last week.

Werner handles nothing but the best quality in rubber goods this season.

Stationery.

Talking of stationery, Hapeman & Graham seem to us to take the lead in this line. Not only do they carry everything in that line in daily use, but just at this time they make a specialty of new styles, and show, among others, the new "King" and "Queen," in the superb ragged edge antique linen (Grecian finish), and other qualities, which are the most fashionable goods now-a-days; as well as all other new conceits in fancy stationery.

School overcoats for the boys. See the nice styles, and cheap, at Oak Hall.

Just Think, 15 Above!

And you can keep warm with one of those \$1.00 Fur Alexis Caps and be comfortable, not freezing your ears. All kinds of Fur Caps and Hats at Fiske & Beem's, from 25 cents up. Robes of all kinds, Goat, Wolf and Squared very cheap. Next, you can buy Underwear at prices that will astonish you, from 25 cents to \$3.50.

Don't forget those warm wool lined fur trimmed overcoats at \$15, and if that is too high, take a cheaper one at \$2.50, at the One Price House of Fiske & Beem. These prices are full 20 per cent. cheaper than all others. Don't forget that you get a Watch if you buy \$12 outside merchant tailor department. You can get a good suit very cheap. Fiske & Beem are the farmers', mechanics' and laborers' friend.

Ladies are invited to examine our stock of children's clothing. Everything in that line at very low prices and one price. Remember, Fiske & Beem.

Take a look at the tailor-made overcoats, fine fitting and stylish, at Oak Hall, north of court house.

The question of removing the postoffice is one now occupying the attention of the people to a large extent; but whether it will be removed remains an open question thus far. The facts in the matter seem to be these: Inspector Newberger has been here looking into the matter. The government has paid only a part of the actual rental of the building it now occupies, the balance being paid by subscription in the neighborhood; and it was proposed—as we understand—for the new lease that the government pay the full rent and accept a guarantee of reimbursement of part. The inspector also made enquiries as to other locations, and was shown the Cheever block corner, where Linderman's bakery now is. The representative, Mr. Lynch, of this part of the city, declined to go into an auction for the site of the post-office, but made a bid to have the government use that location, this bid to stand against the actual bid which the other site should offer. There the matter stands. Each site then has put in a bid for the location. Those bids will go to Washington for examination, with the inspector's report as to their availability as sites, and the department will make the selection. That is all there is to it at this time; but that development will be waited for with interest is putting it mildly.

The Modern Babel.

On next Tuesday evening a novel entertainment will be given at the residence of Mr. S. S. Scott, in East Ottawa, the programme of which is given below. It is decidedly a new idea, and should be unusually interesting. One feature will be especially welcomed by the friends of Miss Reed, who appears on the programme, this being her first public appearance in any manner as a reader since her return from Boston.

Following is the programme:
Piano Duet—Mrs. Fullerton and Mrs. Hamilton
Scottish Reading—Rev. J. Omeleva
Greek Recitation—Miss Grace Lee
Latin Ode—Miss Mamie Colwell
Quaker Duet—Nellie Shaw and Arthur Scott
French Recitation—Miss Maggie Shaw
German Recitation—Miss Ida Rhoads
French Duet—Carrie Formhals and Becky Rhoads
Arabic and Ojibwa (Chippewa)—Rev. W. F. Day
Piano Recital—"The Prisoner and the Swallow"—Miss Evans
Greek Selection—Mr. Nat. Dogen
French Recitation—Miss De Laguerre
Zither Solo—Lieut. Friedel
Spanish Selection—Judge Evans
English Selection—Miss Reed
Italian Solo—Miss Harrison
Latin Selection—Mr. Clarence Griggs
Selection from Wilhelm Meister in seven languages—Lieut. Friedel
Chaucer's "English"—Miss Grace Lee
Hebrew Recitation—Rev. J. Omeleva
Japanese song—Miss Mae Formhals
Admission, 50 cents.

If you want a bargain call and see Stiefel's overcoats, which are selling at \$3.50, \$4 and \$5, and a daisy at \$8. Call early.

Hand-made kip and grain boots and shoes. Will sell cheap for cash. Werner Shoe House.

About the 1st of next month, Mr. D. L. Etelson will open up the "Revolution Dry Goods Store," in Opera House block. See his announcement in this paper.

Now is the time to have your catarrh and lung troubles treated before the severe cold weather sets in.

Mrs. Dr. Keck has excellent success with these troubles and you should give her a call.

See those all-wool overcoats at Stiefel's at \$10, the best goods ever offered for the money.

A calf button shoe for ladies and Misses, just the thing for school, at H. G. Werner's.

Among the things for which the Free Press says the Streater people ought to be thankful for is that "we have a city council who are owners of large heads." That depends more or less on the kind of heads and how they came so. There's Leroy, frinstance, he has a very large head, but it is hardly necessary to say the Free Press would shudder to find him in the city council.

Fine clothing at Oak Hall. Tailor make dress suits, equal to custom-made and 50 per cent. saved, at Oak Hall, north of court house.

An article written by the Free Press editor on what constitutes a valuable manufacturing site, and applied to Streater, has been used by nine of our exchanges and applied to as many different towns.—Streater Free Press.

What a remarkably valuable article it must have been from a Streater standpoint! Has the town no individuality at all?

W. H. Hull & Co., 625 and 628 La Salle street and 207 Madison street, the largest Dry Goods Store in this part of the state by great odds. Come and see our New Store, which makes in all three complete stores, all for Dry Goods and Carpets. No shoes, no millinery, but the largest stock of Dry Goods of all kinds in the state outside of Chicago. Our Cloak stock is elegant. Come and see. In Underwear we have several special bargains—a Men's Searlet 50c, all wool, too. Ladies' Camelhair Vests, \$1.00. See our New Hoods, a new knit goods department now, also a new fancy goods department. Lot of new goods and at low prices. Remember, we sell good goods at as low a price as others offer poor ones for, at Hull's.

Overcoats, \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$6, good and durable, at A. Frank & Co.'s, the Oak Hall one price clothing.

Mr. Ed. Brown, of Wallace, had a narrow escape from a frightful railroad accident on Thursday. He was driving home on a hay rack on La Salle street and reached the C. B. & Q. railroad crossing just as the 3:35 passenger north approached. The crossing watchman is expected to give warning at both La Salle street and Columbus street, sticking up a flag in the street at one and then running ahead of the train to the other crossing. Unfortunately Mr. Brown did not see the flag or know what it meant, and he drove on, his horses getting almost on the track as the train appeared. They were drawn quickly back and around, so that they escaped injury except a scratch on the head of one of them; but the rack was thrown off the wheels and Mr. Brown hurled to the ground under the rack, but he escaped unhurt. The horses then turned full around and ran off down La Salle st. It was a marvelous escape; while the accident itself was almost a repetition of the one in which Dougherty was killed some years ago at Columbus street, except that in this instance the victim escaped.

\$8 and \$10 buy one of Oak Hall's genuine seal skin caps. They are a daisy for this weather.

At Child & Phipps' Closing Out Sale. Misses \$3.00 Kid Button \$2.00. Ladies' Goat Polish small sizes, \$1.25 worth \$2.35.

Ladies' Side Lace, small sizes, \$1.00. A few Rubber goods very cheap, everything in stock at ruinous prices. Store rented, must vacate, call early. Store Fixtures for sale cheap.

Holiday slippers. A large and elegant assortment at Werner's.

Charles Duffield, a farmer living near Covil creek, while out shooting on Sunday, shot himself in the hand. He was standing with his hand on the muzzle of the weapon when by some accident it was discharged. Dr. Hatheway, to whom he was brought, amputated the first two fingers to save the hand, which was terribly injured.

Ladies' felt shoes and slippers at Werner's

Grand California Excursions.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway announces grand first-class excursions to the Pacific Coast, leaving Chicago Dec. 7th, 8th and 29th, at extremely low rates. For additional information, tickets, sleeping car accommodations, etc., apply to nearest ticket agent, or address E. A. Holbrook, G. T. & P. A., C. R. I. & P. R'y, Chicago, Ill.

Come In

And see my men's \$2.50 overcoats. I will, for the next 30 days, make a reduction in children's overcoats. These goods are bargains. Call and see me. My clerks are courteous and will show you through my mammoth stock with pleasure. Remember the place—the sign of the Rocky Mountain goat, west of the court house.

Easy access to my establishment. It requires no button-holding to sell my goods. They speak for themselves.

Yours truly, A. ALCHULER.

A CORRECTION.—The Free Trader readily gives place to the following from the Prairie Centre correspondent of the Earlville Leader: "About three weeks ago there appeared in the columns of the Leader and also in the columns of the Ottawa Free Trader an account of 'Dolly' Miller's death. We would respectfully inform the readers of this paper that Miss Miller is not yet dead, but on the contrary is improving very rapidly and in a short time is expected to be in perfect health. The editors of the two papers mentioned above need not be surprised if in a short Miss Miller should accidentally meet them and ask for an explanation."

The telegraph on Tuesday morning last announced the death in California of Alphonso Koch, familiarly known in Ottawa a decade ago as Phony Koch. He is a son of the late Augustus Koch, and brother of Mrs. Friedel, wife of Lieut. Friedel of the Wachenblatt. He was while in this city for several years with Mr. Wm. Trubing, clothier. He went to California in 1877, where he leaves a wife and two children.

Michael Terry, a brother of the late Dean Terry, died on Tuesday last, at Spring Valley, at the age of 52 years.

Patrick Finn, who was last week reported missing, was found drowned in the river, on Sunday. An inquest resulted in a verdict of suicide, while temporarily insane.

BUCKWHEAT.

This is Buckwheat weather, and if you want the best BUCKWHEAT FLOUR for the least money, buy the VICTOR MILLS' MANUFACTURE, the only Buckwheat in town that the makers have put their name on, and guarantee the quality and put up a forfeit.

READ THIS GUARANTEE:

We hereby guarantee the BUCKWHEAT FLOUR made by us to be absolutely PURE. It is made from the choicest Buckwheat by patent process, and will forfeit \$50.00 for every ounce of adulteration found in any Buckwheat Flour made by us.

COTTON, DAWELL & HAMILTON.

Buckwheat, 1-8 bbl. sack, 80 cents.
Buckwheat, 1-16 bbl. sack, 40 cents.
Criterion Flour, 1/4 bbl. sack, 95 cents.
Hungarian Flour, 1/4 bbl. sack, \$1.08
Silver Cloud, (the finest in the world,) 1/4 bbl. sack, 1.20

W. C. RIALE & CO.

HOME Insurance Company OF NEW YORK.

66th SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT, JULY, 1886.

CASH CAPITAL, \$3,000,000.00
Reserve for Re Ins. & all other liabilities, 3,239,060.10
Net Surplus, 1,389,341.71
Total Assets, \$7,628,401.81

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$18,391.17.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$3,155,116.12.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$38,923,570.14.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

Auction Sales. Parties contemplating making sales can secure the services of H. H. Newton, the auctioneer, by seeing Megaffin, the boot and shoe man, 24 Main street, Ottawa, Ill.

FOR SALE.—Two farms of about 190 acres each, within two miles of Ottawa, formerly constituting a part of the William C. Moore farm. Apply to C. Griggs, Ottawa, Ill.

Stiefel's easy fitting overalls are sold by the best dealers in all the towns around Ottawa.

Stiefel's pantaloons overalls manufacture in Ottawa are the best made, and easy fitting try them.

If you wish a nice present for a friend you can get it at the New Book and Stationery store, Opera House block. Cor. La Salle and Jefferson streets.

We will also have a full line of school books. Give us a call H. C. YEAGER.

All subscribers to the Free Trader who feel disposed to do a little missionary work for us in the way of getting us new subscribers should send for our List of Premiums given to subscribers who get us new subscribers. The list contains a large number of valuable articles which will make the little trouble of getting us a subscriber or so, very profitable time spent. The Free Trader is going to add a thousand names to its list before January 1st, but it does not expect workers to do it for nothing. It will pay workers and make every friend who sends one, or two, or three subscribers a handsome present for his trouble. Send for this list.

See what we have, at CITY DRUG STORE.

See Mrs. Dr. Keck's new column add in this issue.

Jewelry for the Holidays.

In seeking for holiday gifts R. M. Trask's is the place to go to. His stock is a prodigious one, and the assortment unparalleled. He is selling his jewelry at the lowest possible prices. His advantage in this respect may not seem surprising at first thought; but he has agents on the road selling goods in many of the small towns in Illinois, and it is in this manner of supplying the trade that gives him the advantage of purchasing large quantities of jewelry direct from the manufacturers at jobbers' discounts for the road and local trade, which smaller dealers can not do. His agents will open up at Tonic today (Friday), Wenona, Saturday, Nov. 27th; Rutland, Nov. 29th, and Minonk, Nov. 30th. La Salle street, opposite Armory Block, Ottawa, Ill.

FOUND.—The best \$1 red underwear, at Oak Hall, north of court house.

The winter term of the High School begins on Monday next. Pupils from the country will be interested in the fact which it will do no harm to repeat that for the benefit of those whose time is limited a special business course has been provided to cover all the time many will find it possible to attend. This arrangement will commend itself to a large number, for whom the winter term is thus made specially valuable.

Hess' Holiday Goods. By far the largest and most varied assortment of holiday novelties in the jewelry line may be found at Hess', west of the court house. If you are in search of something valuable to present to some friend you can do no better than call and examine his immense stock. Gold and silver watches, for ladies and gents, hollow ware, napkin rings, chains, charms, breastpins, finger rings, gold pens and holders, everything kept by a first class jewelry house may be found here, all at prices lower than ever before given. Some very elegant designs in jewelry have just arrived and before you purchase call and see him.

You should see the Holiday Goods and get the prices, at City Drug Store.

Amusements. To night the Opera House will be occupied by America's Great Triple Alliance Combination, comprising three mommoth companies, Henri & Welter's Fantomine Co., Ormond's Parlor Circus and Col. Boe's, all Star Specialty Companies, three distinct and complete organizations, all appearing on the same evening and can be enjoyed for a single admission. This is without doubt the largest hall show in the world traveling in their own Hotel Cars. Lookout for the street parade of the Grand Uniform Band. Seats can be secured at Simon's music store.

An alarm of fire at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, called out the department to the residence of Mr. Uplander on the north side, but their services were not needed, as neighbors extinguished the blaze.

Overcoats to suit everybody at Stiefel's, and at the lowest prices. It will pay you to call on STIEFEL.

This is a hard one, but the Sonoca Record must be held responsible for it: "Those who happened to be at the depot Wednesday, about noon, were treated to a sight rarely seen outside of a dime museum, the object being a man weighing 833 pounds, and who changed from the Kanakee & Seneca to the Rock Island road, enroute west."

A valuable premium is given to every subscriber who sends us a new subscriber—a premium for every subscriber. Send for the list of them.

Cook Wanted. At the County Asylum, for which service, fair wages will be paid. Call on Maj. T. C. Gibson, County Agent, at his office in the Court House.

FOR RENT SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale the west-half of section 4, Farm Ridge township, 320 acres. There is a gradual fall of about 15 feet from north to south in three-fourths of a mile, giving it good drainage. It is well fenced and drained, with no waste land. Has a good house, orchard, two large barns, wind-mill, &c., in use as stock farm and well kept up—a bargain to a purchaser during 1887. Apply to or address,

Mrs. J. S. LINBY,

South Ottawa.

Money can be saved by buying your clothing at

M. STIEFEL & Co.